

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2245–S2284*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1026–1056, S.J. Res. 18, S. Res. 141–146, and S. Con. Res. 13. **Pages S2269–71**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 23, supporting the goals and ideals of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 27, calling for a prompt multinational freedom of navigation operation in the Black Sea and urging the cancellation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

S. Res. 35, supporting democratic principles and standards in Bolivia and throughout Latin America, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 67, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 95, recognizing the 198th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 96, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People's Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. executive. **Page S2269**

#### Measures Passed:

**NATO 70 Years:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and recognizing its 70 years of accomplishments. **Page S2282**

**Central Conference of American Rabbis 130th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 145, commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Rabbi

Isaac Mayer Wise and the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. **Page S2282**

**Institute of International Education:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, recognizing the centennial of the Institute of International Education. **Page S2282**

**Domenico Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of nomination of Daniel Desmond Domenico, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Page S2262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. **Page S2262**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2262**

**Wyrick Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patrick R. Wyrick, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S2262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel Desmond Domenico, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Page S2262**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2262**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2262**

**Stanton Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S2262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Patrick R. Wyrick, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S2262**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2262**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2262**

**Abizaid Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Page S2262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S2262**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2262**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2262**

**Brady Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Holly A. Brady, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S2262**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Pages S2262–63**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2262**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2262**

**Morales Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Steven Morales, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Page S2263**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Holly A. Brady, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Pages S2263**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2263**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2263**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 62), Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S2249–50, S2284**

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 64), Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. **Pages S2246–49, S2250–58, S2284**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 63), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2250**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frank William Volk, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Scott Soles, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2020.

Allison Herren Lee, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2022.

Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Randall P. Huff, of Wyoming, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

**Pages S2282–84**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S2284**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2269**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S2269**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2271–72**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2267–69**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S2281–82**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—64) **Pages S2249–50, S2258**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2282.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Heather A. Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense.

### FEDERAL MARITIME AGENCIES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal maritime agencies, focusing on ensuring a safe, secure, and competitive future, after receiving testimony from Mark H. Buzby, Administrator, Department of Transportation; Michael A. Khouri, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary, and Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior, and Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

### MIGRATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine migration at the United States Southern border, after receiving testimony from Mark Morgan, former Chief of the Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John Daniel Davidson, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia; and Andrew Selee, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel P. Collins, and Kenneth Kiyul Lee, both of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, James Wesley Hendrix, and Mark T. Pittman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Sean D. Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Nick Edward Proffitt, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.